

BRISTOL HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION MEETING

Held: May 3, 2012, at Town Hall, 10 Court Street, Bristol, Rhode Island

Present: Chairman Oryann Lima, Members John Allen, Sara Butler, Thomas Enright, Eric Hertfelder,

Also Present: Andrew Teitz, Esq., Assistant Town Solicitor

Absent: Reggie McCarthy, Victor Cabral

Chairman Lima brought the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

The minutes of the April 5, 2012, meeting were approved as presented. (Allen/Hertfelder 5-0)

1. 12-039 66 Poppasquash Rd., James P. Yess

1. install generator; 2. install propane tanks

Property owner James Yess presented. Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-S. Application is to install a standalone generator plus two 200# propane gas tanks behind the barn on the property. The generator will be installed on the north side of the barn and the gas tanks on the west side. Mr. Yess stated that the tanks would be camouflaged by existing bushes.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 12-039 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Hertfelder/Allen 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10. Also, the equipment will be located in such a way as to not impinge on the historic character of the property nor will the equipment be visible from the street.

Project Monitor: Thomas Enright

2. 12-040 1 Burnside St., Herreshoff Marine Museum sign

Museum President Lawrence Lavers presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-D. Application is to install a 4' diameter sign with the Museum logo to the south elevation left of the main entrance of the building. The sign will be of sign foam painted white with blue letters and will be attached flush to the building.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 12-040 as presented for the proposed sign as shown in the exhibits in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #10 (Butler/Hertfelder 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 10

Project Monitor: Sara Butler

3. 12-042 365 Hope St., Leo's Ristorante
install exterior lights (14)

John Mancuso presented for the restaurant owner. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-F. Application is to install 14 spotlights on the east elevation of the building to accent the building.

While Committee members were generally in favor of the installation, there were several concerns regarding the number of lights and the visibility of the lamps from the street. It was felt the light design was “too modern,” and a better light could be found.

The Commission was polled on their feeling for lighting for the second story only. All members felt that was sufficient. Mr. Mancuso stated that they would not have a problem with just installing lights on the second floor. He also said they would look for a shorter light to eliminate visibility from the street of the light. It was suggested that the RIHP&HC be contacted for ideas for a lighting scheme, the staff assistant stated she would do so.

Mr. Mancuso will install one light as a demo for the Commission to observe, the Contractor, Mr. Ferreira, will notify the staff assistant when installed. A decision on the application will be continued to the June meeting after viewing the demo light and reviewing any suggestions from the RIHP&HC.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to continue Application 12-042 to the June 7, 2012, meeting (Allen/Hertfelder 5-0).

4. 12-043 317 Hope St., Linda Buckler
signs

Store owner Linda Buckler presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-I. Application is for signs for her new business as shown in the exhibits. There will be one sign over windows (letters attached individually directly on building. Peel on letters attached to the door and window, cream color. The letters on the building will be “plum royal.” Ms. Buckler’s request for approval to install an exterior lamp will be heard at the June meeting.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 12-043 as presented in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standard #9 (Allen/Hertfelder 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standard: 9

Project Monitor: John Allen

5. 12-045 66 Franklin St., Couture Design Associates (Paul, Pamela Bishop)

1. add roof over patio; 2. repairs to existing roof

J.P. Couture of Couture Designs presented for the owners. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-O. Application is to build a new roof on the west patio. Mr. Couture stated that the new addition will not disturb the existing corner board. Repairs will be made to the roof shingles of the one story addition.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 12-045 as presented to construct a porch over existing patio and to re-roof where necessary. The porch addition is not to impinge on the main body of the historical house. Decision is in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Hertfelder/Allen 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10.

Project Monitor: John Allen

6. 12-046 70 Griswold Ave., Roderick Butlin

construct new garage

Property owners and contractor Sam Booth presented. Staff Assistant photographs were marked Exhibit A, Applicant plans were marked Exhibits B-H. Application is to construct a free standing garage to the north of existing dwelling. The new building will have red cedar clapboards on two sides and red cedar shingles on two sides. Garage door will be a Cambridge wood composite, entrance door will be a Brosco Wood Model F-7662, and the windows Brosco New York layout wood TDL double hung.

Member Hertfelder noted that the garage was well cited because the height of the wall and the shrubs block view of the garage from the street and it will not block the view of the historic building.

Chairman Lima invited comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made to approve Application 12-046 as presented and shown in the Exhibits B-H in accordance with Secretary of the Interior Standards #9, 10 (Hertfelder/Allen 5-0).

Findings of Facts include that this decision conforms to the Secretary of the Interior Standards: 9, 10. Also the site is such that the garage does not interfere with the view of the house and the style is compatible with the historic house.

Project Monitor: Sara Butler

Staff Report:

Staff Approvals - April = 2, copy attached

Old Business

A motion was passed to add discussion of an HDC brochure to the agenda (Enright/Hertfelder 5-0). The members felt that the original brochure had good information and format and thought with a bit of updating could be used in the future. Staff will research amount of money available for brochure project.

John Allen commented on the concerns raised in the April 25th RIHP&HC letter regarding the fence/gate/driveway at 631 Hope St. Member Hertfelder as project monitor will discuss issues and plans with the owner. If any major changes are made to the approved application, the owner will be required to return for further review.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 8:40PM

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Date Approved: June 7, 2012

MONTHLY SIGN-OFF REPORT
April, 2012

DATE	APP. NO.	ADDRESS	WORK DESCRIPTION – In Kind
04/17/12	12-041	31 Noyes Ave.	Replace fence
04/17/12	12-044	88 Church St.	Repair/replace deteriorated front door threshold and adjacent panel